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## Corrigendum

Paragraph 50

For the existing text, substitute

50. The representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) expressed the gratitude of UNHCR for being invited to the meeting; it was the first time that UNHCR had attended a Subcommittee meeting. He reported that the UNHCR mandate was to obtain from Governments information on the number and conditions of refugees in their territories. The Food and Statistical Unit was entrusted with collecting and reporting on statistics on populations of concern to UNHCR. Research was coordinated by the Assistant Secretary-General. UNHCR also had a technical section, dealing mainly with sectoral assistance to programmes in the field (health, nutrition, education). Statistical information was published in the annexes of The State of the World's Refugees (1993 and 1995). The annual Populations of Concern to UNHCR: A Statistical Overview provided more detail and background, as well as information on definitions and methodology. In addition, population statistics were included in official documentation prepared for meetings of the UNHCR Executive Committee. While international migration was already the component most difficult to gauge in population change, forced migration was even less predictable. By nature, refugee outflows were difficult to predict. Therefore, use of United Nations estimates and projections for direct operational purpose was limited. They were used, however, for general planning, analytical and research purposes. Registration was an important UNHCR activity, as well as an important source of data. While UNHCR had strengthened its efforts to collect and provide reliable statistics, any suggestion or comments from the Subcommittee to further enhance its data-collection efforts or data quality would be appreciated. UNHCR actively participated in the revision of the United Nations international migration statistics recommendations as one means of improving refugee statistics; it fully supported the work of the Population Division in the field of demographic estimates and projections, and looked forward to further collaboration in the field.

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